

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
a functional unit;
a location determination device;
a local policy enforcement device coupled to the location determination device
and to the functional unit; and
a communication interface coupled to the local policy enforcement device to
transmit to a central agency location information related to a failure to meet a local policy
guideline for an acceptable location of the apparatus and to receive from the central agency an
~~enablement~~ a signal to enable use of the apparatus if the location information complies with a
remote policy guideline for an acceptable location of the apparatus, the remote policy other than
the local policy.
2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the location determination device
comprises a position detection device.
3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein the position determination device
comprises a global positioning system receiver.
4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein the position determination device
comprises an accelerometer.
5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the location detection device
comprises a motion detection device.
6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising:
a user authenticator coupled to the local policy enforcement device.
7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 6 wherein the user authenticator comprises a
password device.

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 6 wherein the user authenticator comprises a biometric input device.

9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 6 wherein the location determination device comprises a global positioning system receiver.

10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 6 wherein the location determination device comprises an accelerometer.

11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the local policy enforcement device comprises means for determining whether the apparatus is within a distance from a location.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the distance is a predetermined distance.

13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the location is a predetermined location.

14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the location is a previously-determined location of the apparatus.

15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the distance is a predetermined distance.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the local policy enforcement device comprises means for dynamically adapting a local policy in response to previous location determinations and previous applications of the local policy.

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the local policy enforcement device comprises means for determining, in response to a determination by the location determination

device that the apparatus has been moved to a new location, whether the new location complies with a local policy.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17 wherein the local policy is whether the new location is a pre-approved location.

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17 wherein the local policy is whether the new location is within a distance from a prior location of the apparatus.

20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 19 wherein the distance is a predetermined distance.

Claims 21-30 (Canceled).

31. (Currently Amended) A method of operating an apparatus, the method comprising:

performing authentication of an attempted user of the apparatus;

if the user is determined to be not authorized to use the apparatus,

disabling the apparatus; and

if the user is determined to be authorized to use the apparatus,

determining a location of the apparatus,

checking whether the location complies with a local location policy

administered by the apparatus,

if the location complies with the local location policy,

enabling the apparatus, and

if the location does not comply with the local location policy,

inquiring of an external agent whether the location of the apparatus

complies with a remote location policy administered by the external agent the remote location policy and the local location policy to overlap without being coincident,

if the location complies with the remote location policy,

enabling the apparatus, and

if the location does not comply with the remote location policy,
disabling the apparatus.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31 further comprising:
the remote agent providing an electronic notification to a law enforcement device;
and
the remote agent providing an electronic notification to the law enforcement
device; wherein the notifications to the law enforcement device include providing data
identifying the location of the apparatus.

33. (Original) The method of claim 32 wherein the notifications to the law
enforcement device further include providing data gathered during the authentication of the user.

34. (Original) The method of claim 33 wherein the data comprises biometric input
data.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 31 further comprising:
the remote agent registering the location of the apparatus.

36. (Original) The method of claim 31 wherein the local policy comprises
determining whether the location is in compliance with a policy selected from the group
comprising:
the location of the apparatus is within a predetermined area;
the location of the apparatus is less than a predetermined distance from a prior
location; and
the location of the apparatus is a pre-approved location.

37. (Original) The method of claim 31 wherein the local policy comprises
determining whether the location is in compliance with a distance-based policy.

38. (Original) The method of claim 31 wherein the local policy comprises determining whether the location is in compliance with an area-based policy.

39. (Original) The method of claim 31 wherein the remote policy comprises determining whether the location is in compliance with a policy selected from the group comprising:

- the location of the apparatus is within a predetermined area;
- the location of the apparatus is less than a predetermined distance from a prior location;
- the location has been pre-approved by a registered owner of the apparatus;
- the location is an authorized repair facility for the apparatus;
- all locations have been pre-approved until a first registration at a first location;
- total motion of the apparatus since a predetermined time is less than a predetermined cumulative distance;
- the apparatus has been moved fewer times than a predetermined number; and
- the apparatus is within a non-export-controlled country;.

40. (Original) The method of claim 31 further comprising at least one of:
dynamically adjusting the local policy; and
dynamically adjusting the remote policy.

41. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
a communication link;
an appliance including,
 a functional unit;
 a location determination device;
 a local policy enforcement device coupled to the communication link and to the location determination device, the local policy enforcement device to transmit to a remote agent device location information related to a failure to meet a local location policy; and
the remote agent device including,
 a registry adapted to store information regarding the apparatus; and

a remote policy enforcement device coupled to the communication link and to the registry, the remote policy enforcement device to transmit to the apparatus an enablement signal if the device information does not meet a local location policy but does meet a remote location policy.

42. (Original) The system of claim 41 wherein the information includes location information.

43. (Original) The system of claim 42 wherein the appliance further includes a user authentication device coupled to the local policy enforcement device.

44. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 43 wherein ~~the information further includes~~ user identification information is sent to the remote agent device if the local location policy and remote location policy have both failed to be met.

45. (Original) The system of claim 41 wherein the location determination device comprises a global positioning system receiver.

46. (Original) The system of claim 41 wherein the location determination device comprises an accelerometer.

47. (Original) The system of claim 41 wherein the local policy enforcement device comprises means for determining whether the appliance is in a location, determined by the location determination device, which location complies with a policy selected from the group comprising:

the location of the appliance is within a predetermined area;

the location of the appliance is less than a predetermined distance from a prior location; and

the location of the appliance is a pre-approved location.

48. (Original) The system of claim 47 wherein the remote policy enforcement device comprises means for determining whether the location complies with a policy selected from the group comprising:

- the location of the appliance is within a predetermined area;
- the location of the appliance is less than a predetermined distance from a prior location;
- the location has been pre-approved by a registered owner of the appliance;
- the location is an authorized repair facility for the appliance;
- all locations have been pre-approved until a first registration at a first location;
- total motion of the appliance since a predetermined time is less than a predetermined cumulative distance;
- the appliance has been moved fewer times than a predetermined number; and
- the appliance is within a permitted country.

49. (Original) The system of claim 41 further comprising:
means for dynamically adjusting a local policy of the local policy enforcement device.

50. (Original) The system of claim 41 further comprising:
means for dynamically adjusting a remote policy of the remote policy enforcement device.

51. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
determining a location of an apparatus;
the apparatus determining whether the location complies with a local policy;
if the location complies with the local policy,
enabling the apparatus;
if the location does not comply with the local policy,
transmitting to a remote device information related to failure of the apparatus to comply with the local policy;

a remote device determining whether the location complies with a remote policy;

if the location complies with the remote policy,

enabling the apparatus,

if the location does not comply with the remote policy,

~~disabling the apparatus.~~

performing authentication of a user of the apparatus; and

if the user is authenticated,

enabling the apparatus.

Claim 52 (Canceled).

53. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[52]] 51 further comprising, if the location complies with the remote policy:

the remote device registering information provided from the apparatus to the remote device.

54. (Original) The method of claim 53 wherein the information comprises information identifying the location.

55. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[52]] 51 further comprising, if the user is not authenticated:

the remote device sending a notification to a law enforcement device.

56. (Original) The method of claim 55 wherein the notification comprises an identification of the location of the apparatus.

57. (Original) The method of claim 56 wherein the notification further comprises information gathered during the authentication of the user.

58. (Original) The method of claim 57 wherein the information comprises biometric input data.
59. (Original) The method of claim 51 further comprising:
the apparatus dynamically adjusting the local policy.
60. (Original) The method of claim 59 further comprising:
the remote device dynamically adjusting the remote policy.
61. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
a functional unit;
means for disabling the functional unit;
means for identifying a location of the apparatus;
means for communicating with a remote agent; and
means for checking the identified location of the apparatus against a local location policy and for causing the means for disabling to enable the functional unit if the location complies with the local location policy and for causing the means for disabling to enable the functional unit if the location does not comply with the local location policy and the remote agent indicates that the location does comply with a remote location policy.
62. (Original) In the apparatus of claim 61, the improvement further comprising:
means for authenticating a user of the apparatus; and
the means for checking further for causing the means for disabling to enable the functional unit if the user is authentic, and for causing the means for disabling to disable the functional unit if the user is not authentic.

Claim 63 (Canceled).

64. (Currently Amended) In the apparatus of claim [[63]] 61, the improvement further comprising:

means for authenticating a user of the apparatus, said authentication in response to a failure to meet both a local and a remote location policy; and

the means for checking further for causing the means for disabling to enable the functional unit if the user is authentic, and for causing the means for disabling to disable the functional unit if the user is not authentic.

65. (Currently Amended) A method of operating an apparatus, the method comprising:

determining a location of the apparatus;

determining if the location complies with a local location policy;

if the location fails to comply with a local location policy, transmitting location information related to failure to comply with the local location policy to a central agency;

receiving enabling information from the central agency if the location complies with a remote location policy; and

receiving disabling information from the central agency if the location fails to comply with the remote location policy.

66. (Currently Amended) A method as defined in 65, wherein the information comprises the relative location of the apparatus compared to a prior location.

67. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in 65, wherein the information comprises the most recent location of the appliance that complied with the local policy.

68. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in 65, further comprising:
disabling the apparatus in response to receiving disabling information from the central agency.

69. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in 65, further comprising :
enabling the apparatus in response to receiving disabling information from the central
agency, provided that a user is authenticated.

70. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in 69, wherein the user is
authenticated by a password.

71. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in 69, wherein the user is
authenticated by biometric data.

72. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in 69, wherein the user is
authenticated by a key.

73. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in 65, further comprising:
dynamically adjusting the local policy.